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For : TEXTILE MESH STRUCTURE )  
 IN PARTICULAR, A GEOMESH )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached to the Appendix):*

3. (Amended) A mesh structure according to claim 1, characterized in that in the intersection region the lengths of the meshes (7') of the fixing threads (3) are so short that a mesh (7') is associated with each weft thread (2) of a weft thread group (11).

4. (Amended) A mesh structure according to claim 1, characterized in that associated with each warp thread (1) is a fixing thread (3) which embraces the warp thread